

W. F. HAM EXPLAINS ABOUT DIVIDEND

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able, these citizens, representing the entire community, may have that right. He wanted to safeguard certain rights.

Chairman Kutz would not make a formal decision on this point, but said that all citizens have the right to appear. In reply to a question as to what might be the purpose of making citizens parties, Mr. Clayton intimated that in the event the commission should order a two-zone fare system in Washington an appeal would be taken to the courts.

Chairman Kutz declined to tell Mr. Clayton whether the commission may render a decision as to increased revenues before it completes its valuation proceedings.

Enjoying Large Business.

Attorney Syme brought out that the company is enjoying prosperity in the increased volume of passengers being hauled showing that in April, 1919, the company carried 7,630,000 pay passengers, as compared with 6,354,000 for the same month in 1918, when tickets were sold at six-for-a-quarter.

While admitting this to be true, Mr. Ham said the real test was the increased expenditures, inasmuch as it is now costing the company far more money per car mile to operate than it did in 1918. When Mr. Ham went on to say that the company must have money to maintain its lines for improved service, Colonel Kutz took a hand.

"Why did you not keep up proper maintenance in the last two years?" Colonel Kutz said.

"We did not have the money, nor could we get the help," was the answer.

"But you had money enough to pay dividends," Colonel Kutz retorted.

"Yes, but the dividends were not as large as before, and some of the dividends were paid from surplus," Mr. Ham said.

Colonel Kutz's intimation was plain that the company has sacrificed maintenance to dividends.

Outlook Grows Worse.

Mr. Ham declared that the original figures he had presented as to possible results for the present year were more optimistic than they should have been, in view of later developments. He pointed out that the Potomac Electric Light Company fell short \$90,000 in 1918 of paying its usual 11 per cent dividend to the Washington Railway and Electric, and the first quarter of 1919 shows that the company fell short \$35,000 of maintaining its obligations in that respect, indicating a deficit of probably \$140,000 in 1919 in paying this full dividend.

Colonel Kutz wanted to know if the revenues of the P. E. L. Co. would be sufficient to pay a 7 per cent dividend to the W. R. & E. This Mr. Ham did not know.

Some of the former figures presented by Mr. Ham included revenues and operating expenditures of the lines of the company running into Maryland. The commission asked that these figures be omitted and figures submitted dealing only with operation in the District. Mr. Ham, however, gave warning that the company's business in Maryland is more profitable, if possible, than its business in the District.

The hearing will be concluded tomorrow morning, beginning at 10 o'clock.

WINSTON-SALEM LINE VALUATION COMPLETED

The Interstate Commerce Commission today completed valuation proceedings on the Winston-Salem south-bound railway.

These proceedings were decided originally August 8, 1918, but exceptions were taken by the corporation resulting in a reopening of the case. As modified, the original cost of the company's property to date was fixed at \$5,098,999.

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The husky young officer to the right of the distinguished looking gentleman with the cane is Lieut. Josephus Daniels, Jr., of the marines. Of course everyone will immediately recognize the gentleman with the cane as none other than Josephus, Sr. The Secretary of the Navy met his boy in London recently for the first time in many months.

JANITOR ON TRIAL FOR BANK ROBBERY

Indicted by the grand jury for grand larceny, Stovie J. Moore, formerly a janitor at the Franklin National Bank, was today placed on trial before a jury in Criminal Court No. 1, Justice Siddons, today.

Moore is alleged to have stolen \$25,000 of the bank's money May 8, last, but he claims he found the money in the sweepings, and returned about \$24,000.

Assistant District Attorney Laws told the jury that Moore boasted that if he ever took any money he would hide it somewhere, so he would have enough to live on after serving his sentence.

Moore was arrested for the offense while at work in the bank August 6, last.

BIG HOMEBUILDING BOOM IS REPORTED

Homebuilding is booming again, Labor Department reports show. And for every seven new residences a garage or stable is being built, according to the statistics.

Contracts for 2,204 homes, valued at \$13,052,990, were let during the week ended May 2 east of the Missouri and north of the Ohio rivers. Simultaneously, contracts for 301 garages and stables were made. Homebuilding is now leading all other classes of construction work.

CALLS BANK STATEMENTS. The Comptroller of the Currency today issued a call for a statement on the condition of national banks at the close of business, Monday, May 12.

CALL THIRD VENIRE IN FORD LIBEL SUIT

MT. CLEMENS, Mich., May 15.—Trial of the million-dollar libel suit of Henry Ford against the Chicago Tribune was resumed today with the selection of a jury, a far away goal. The third venire was called.

Eleven men were in the jury box but the joint defense has not used any of its eight peremptory challenges, and it was believed certain some of these will be dropped. Ford's counsel has used two of its challenges.

Exhaust Second Panel.

Prospects of an early hearing of testimony faded when the second panel of jurors was exhausted, and Judge Tucker and the county clerk were obliged to obtain a new list from the city directory.

The defendants gained an advantage when the court permitted four peremptory challenges each, while the plaintiff had a total of four. The Solomon News Company has exhausted its four and Mr. Ford one. The Tribune has used none. There is a hope that the jury may be completed today.

Although Judge Tucker has not yet set a time for the hearing on the Ford brief narrowing the issues to the question of truth of the editorial calling Henry Ford an anarchist for his attitude toward preparedness and for the alleged refusal of his officials to favor employees enlisting for service on the Mexican border, which Mr. Ford denies, the attorneys for both sides directed much of their examination of talesmen to questions of national and international questions.

The tactics resulted from Judge Tucker's decision giving the widest latitude to opening arguments and the questioning of jurors. The court became an open forum, with attorneys acting alternately as apostles for preparedness and pacifism, war and peace, with the question of anarchy hovering on the side.

Method of Questioning.

Elliott G. Stevenson, chief of the Tribune's counsel, pictured in words the ravaged American border in the days of June, 1916, when Villa's bandits invaded this country. He said Americans had been murdered, robbed, their property destroyed and their nation's pride wounded.

"And with such a condition confronting this country, would you have any prejudice against a newspaper which would strive for the protection of the country?" would come Mr. Stevenson's question.

The answer seemed poised on the tip of each talesman's tongue, "No." "Do you believe that this nation should be defenseless?" "No."

"Do you believe in preparedness?" "Yes."

Alfred J. Murphy, of Mr. Ford's counsel, asked the jurors if they would give a fair trial to a man who believed in lessening wars by appeal to humanity and arbitration, and received affirmative replies.

Two of the talesmen were dismissed because they admitted having opinions which it would take much evidence to change. They were W. H. Flory, cashier of a Mt. Clemens bank, and A. P. Grim, a retired merchant and president of the Business Men's Association, who designated himself as "the town loafer."

"I have formed an opinion," said Mr. Grim. "But," insisted Mr. Murphy, for the plaintiff, "you could change if you have an open mind." "No, I haven't an open mind, positively I haven't; not on this case."

One Man Is Disappointed.

Irving Ellis, a farmer, was frankly disappointed when he lost his seat

by the peremptory challenge route, although he was worried about his plowing at home. At recess he approached Mr. Murphy and said: "Well, sir, I'm sorry they dropped me because I would have given you fellows a square deal all around."

Mr. Ellis then asked to be introduced to the other lawyers and told them how sorry he was that he was not to remain and see that everybody got a square deal. There was a wistful look in his eyes as he watched the bailiff lock up the courtroom for the night.

Albert Schott, a building contractor and mill owner, admitted an interest in a garage which handles Mr. Ford's principal product and was allowed to go. At adjournment there were twelve men in the box passed for cause by both sides. As seven peremptory challenges remain it is certain that five of them will be on the jury when it is sworn in.

BOY OF 17 HELD AS AUTO THIEF

William John Steinbaugh, alias A. L. Gray, seventeen years old, of 1412 Twenty-eighth street northwest, was arrested early today near Rockville charged with stealing automobiles belonging to John W. Cherry, 1310 Delafield street, and Mrs. W. H. Brown, 1726 Thirty-fourth street, last night.

Steinbaugh, it is charged by the police, stole Cherry's machine in front of the Treasury Department yesterday afternoon and drove it to Rockville, where he stripped the machine of five tires and had them in a clump of bushes.

Receiving information that a stolen car was in Rockville, Detectives Barbee, Wilson, and Embrey went to the scene and laid in wait for Steinbaugh to come after the tires.

Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning an automobile with Steinbaugh and another boy appeared, and while transferring the tires to the machine the detectives jumped out on them. Steinbaugh was arrested, but his partner ran through the woods and escaped. The machine that the two boys went to Rockville in the second time was found to belong to Mrs. Brown and had been stolen from Thirteenth and F streets northwest.

D. C. CREDIT MEN AID BALTIMORE ORGANIZATION

To assist in the formation of a credit bureau in Baltimore, such as the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association have in this city, Charles J. Columbus, secretary, and twenty delegates from the local body attended the meeting and dinner last night of the Credit Men's Club of Baltimore, held in the Hotel Emerson of that city.

Addresses were made by Mr. Columbus and David Saenger, chairman of the credit section of the association. The work being done for Washington business men by the local credit bureau was explained. It was decided to form a similar organization in Baltimore.

PLAN MRS. PERSHING HOSPITAL. CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 15.—City officials announced yesterday plans for construction of a \$100,000 hospital to be known as Frances Warren Pershing Hospital. United States Senator F. E. Warren gave \$25,000, the city contributing the remainder. The hospital will be named in honor of Senator Warren's daughter, wife of Gen. John J. Pershing, who died in a fire at the Presidio, San Francisco, in 1915.

GIRL WINS HELMET.

Miss Janice Brown won the German helmet offered by the Treasury Department for the best speech on the virtues of the Victory loan at the

Miner Normal School yesterday. Twelve pupils, representing both senior and junior classes, were each given four minutes for their speeches.

LEAGUE MEMBERS NAMED. PARIS, May 15.—Two French members of the League of Nations have been selected. Their names will be published soon.

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